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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: STATEMENT OF NAM LEADERS

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM VARIOUS STATEMENTS
TO LOCAL PRESS BY LEADERS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
DURING CLOSING DAYS OF 5YH NASC:

2. INDIA'S PM INFIRA GANDHI DESCRIBED CONFERENCE
AS /"CERTAINLY A STEP FORWARD BOTH IN THE UNDERSTANDING
OF THE PROBLEMS AND IN TACKLING THEM." CLAIMING
THAT "NONALIGNMENT ITSELF IS STILL BEING
ATTACKED." SHE ADDED, "I SEE IN TODAY'S PRESS THAT
SOME WESTERN NEEWSPAPERS HAVE TRIED TO EQUATE
INDIA'S TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION
WITH PAKISTAN BEING A MEMBER OF A MILITARY PACT.

THIS IS A SUBTLE WAY OF DISTORTING THE FACTS. THEY
ARE PUTTING A WRONG PICTURE BEOFORE THE WORLD." ASKED
TO COMMENT ON ASSERTION IN SECTION OF WESTERN PRESS
THAN NAM WOULD LEAN FURTHER LEFT AT NEXT SUMMIT IN
HAVANA, SHE SAID, "I DON'T THINK ANY COUNTRY WILL
CHANGE ITS VIEWS ACCORDING TOTHE VENUE OF THE
CONFERENCE. BUT SOME PEOPLE DO SPEAK MORE SHARPLY
THAN OTHERS. I THINK THAT SINCE THE MEMBERSHIP HAS
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GROWN IT IS MORE OR LESS EVENLY BALANCED."

3. IRAQ'S FOREIGN MINISTER SAADOUN HAMMADI FELT THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD TAKE MORE PRATICAL DECISIONS RAHTHER THAN CONCENTRATE ON MERE DISCUSSION AND SPEECHES. "A NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED WHICH WERE NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED. THIS HAD A DEMORALIZING EFFECT ON THE MOVEMENT." HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT BEST WAY TO CEMENT UNITY AMONG NAM NATIONS "WAS TO CONCENTRATE ON SPECIFIC UNCONTROVERSIAL ISSUES AND TO LEAVE OUT BILATERAL ONES."

4. CUBA'S DEPUTY PM AND HEAD OF DELEGATION CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIQUEZ COMMENTED ON PROSPECTS FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH US: "CUBA HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT BEFORE ANY NEGOTIATIONS START, THE US SHOULD END THE BLOCKADES AND EMBARGOES-- IN OTHER WORDS, TAKE AWAY THE KNIFE NOW BEING HELD AGAINST THE THROAT OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE. MY PERSONAL OPINION, AS THE MINISTER CONCERNED WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, IS THAT AFTER THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THERE WILL BE RENEWED PRESSURE, BE IT ON CARTER OR FORD, TO DO SOMETHING. WE ARE FULLY PREPARED TO START NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THE US ELIMINATES THE SUBSTANCE OF THE BLOCKADE." REFERRING TO CHARGES OF IMPERIALISM AGAINST USSR, RODRIQUEZ SAID "SUCH A VIEW HAS NOT BEEN EXPRESSED BY ANY MEMBERS. THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES CAN CLEARLY SEE WHERE THEIR ENEMIES ARE AND WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE USSR. ALL THE RESOLUTIONS ABOUT NEOCOLONIALISM, ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, ETC., REFLECT THIS. NO STATEMENT OR RESOLUTION AT THE CONFERENCE CAN BE CONSIDERED AS AN ATTACK ON THE SOVIET UNION."

5. EGYPT'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISMAIL FAHMY DECLARED IT WAS NECESSARY "TO ACCELERATE THE POSITIVE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR MOVEMENT INTO A MORE EFFECTIVE FORCE IN THE WORLD TODAY." WHILE WORLD WELCOMES TREND TOWARD DETENTE, THERE SHOULD BE CAUTION REGARDING POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MAJOR POWERS "TO SHICH WE ARE NOT PARTIES." HE STRESSED UNCLASSIFIED

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"WE ARE NOT READY TO PAY THE PRICE OF ANY PEACE, BUT TO SHARE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST PEACE BASED ON RESPECT OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES." ON LEBANON, HE SAID IT WAS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM, THE SOLUTION OF WHICH SHOULD BE THE CONCERN OF ITS PEOPLE. "I DO NOT SEE THE ADVISABILITY OF IT BEING DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE."

6. AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS LEADERS JOSIAH JELE AND MAKATINI LAZRI APPLAUDED OIL EMBARGO ON FRANCE AND ISRAEL. ALSO URGED NONALIGNED COUNTRIES "NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE CREATION OF THE SO-CALLED BANTUSTAN SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 26. THE CREATION OF BANTUSTAN WOULD ONLY MEAN THE GIVING OF INDEPENDENCE TO DIFFERENT TRIBES, WITH THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT HAVING AN IRON GRIP OVER THESE TRIBES." THEY DESCRIBED BANTUSTAN AS ANOTHER STEP BY SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME TO PLACATE INTERNATIONAL OPPOSITION TO PARTHEID. SAID ANC SEEKING SUPPORT OF TRADE UNIONS IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES TO BOYCOTT ALL SHIPPMENT OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

7. ANC (ZIMBABWE) DEPUTY SECRETARY TO INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY SERVICE GEORGE SILUNDIKA, IN "CEYLON DAILY NEWS" INTERVIEW REPORTED AS SAYING ARMED STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE (RHODESIA) HAD NOW SPREAD ALL OVER COUNTRY INCLUDING RURAL AREAS. "RHODESIA,A BRITISH COLONY LIKE INDIA, AS SUBJECTED, AND IT RESULTED IN THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS HARNESSING THE COUNTRY'S AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES, DEPRIVING THE COUNTRYMEN OF THEIR DUES." SAID MR. SILUNDIKA, SAID "DAILY NEWS."

8. MALAYSIA'S PM DATUK HUSSEIN ONN SAID NAM "CAN BE PROUD OF THE INITIATIVES IT HAS TAKEN IN RECENT YEARS" WHICH HAVE BROUGHT FORTH "THE CONCEPT OF THE NEW ECONOMIC DORDER TO REDRESS INEQUALITIES EXISTING BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR A GREATER SHARE IN THE DECISION MAKING FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

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9. UAE'S PRESIDENT SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN ALNAHYAN DECLARED "THE UAE BELIEVES THAT IT CANNOT SEPARATE ITSELF OR DISTANCE ITSELF FROM THE PROBLEMS AND/OR WELFOARE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.... THUS WE HAVE WORKED TO BUILD BILATERAL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS."

10. SINGAPORE'S FOREIGN MINISTER R. RAJARATNAM OBSERVED THAT SINCE MOST COUNTRIES IN NAM "ARE NOW INDEPENDENT, ANTI-COLONIALISM IS FOR THE MOST PART NO LONGER A LIVE ISSUE." IT WAS HIS HOPE THAT "SOONER OR LATER,POSSIBLY SOONER, THE NAM WILL BE ABLE TO FORGE A POLICY THAT CAN ONCE AGAIN TRANSCENT RACE, LANGUAGE , RELIGION AND INWARD-LOOKING NATIONALISM."

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